

cation by the State member that the application for the project—

(1) describes ways in which the project complies with any applicable State development plan;

(2) meets applicable criteria under section 2009aa-7 of this title;

(3) provides adequate assurance that the proposed project will be properly administered, operated, and maintained; and

(4) otherwise meets the requirements of this subchapter.

(d) Votes for decisions

On certification by a State member of the Authority of an application for a grant or other assistance for a specific project under this section, an affirmative vote of the Authority under section 2009aa-1(c) of this title shall be required for approval of the application.

(Pub. L. 87-128, title III, §382I, as added Pub. L. 106-554, §1(a)(4) [div. B, title V, §503], Dec. 21, 2000, 114 Stat. 2763, 2763A-279.)

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 2009aa-1 to 2009aa-3 of this title.

§ 2009aa-9. Consent of States

Nothing in this subchapter requires any State to engage in or accept any program under this subchapter without the consent of the State.

(Pub. L. 87-128, title III, §382J, as added Pub. L. 106-554, §1(a)(4) [div. B, title V, §503], Dec. 21, 2000, 114 Stat. 2763, 2763A-280.)

§ 2009aa-10. Records

(a) Records of the Authority

(1) In general

The Authority shall maintain accurate and complete records of all transactions and activities of the Authority.

(2) Availability

All records of the Authority shall be available for audit and examination by the Comptroller General of the United States and the Inspector General of the Department of Agriculture (including authorized representatives of the Comptroller General and the Inspector General of the Department of Agriculture).

(b) Records of recipients of Federal assistance

(1) In general

A recipient of Federal funds under this subchapter shall, as required by the Authority, maintain accurate and complete records of transactions and activities financed with Federal funds and report on the transactions and activities to the Authority.

(2) Availability

All records required under paragraph (1) shall be available for audit by the Comptroller General of the United States, the Inspector General of the Department of Agriculture, and the Authority (including authorized representatives of the Comptroller General, the Inspector General of the Department of Agriculture, and the Authority).

(c) Annual audit

The Inspector General of the Department of Agriculture shall audit the activities, transactions, and records of the Authority on an annual basis.

(Pub. L. 87-128, title III, §382K, as added Pub. L. 106-554, §1(a)(4) [div. B, title V, §503], Dec. 21, 2000, 114 Stat. 2763, 2763A-280.)

§ 2009aa-11. Annual report

Not later than 180 days after the end of each fiscal year, the Authority shall submit to the President and to Congress a report describing the activities carried out under this subchapter.

(Pub. L. 87-128, title III, §382L, as added Pub. L. 106-554, §1(a)(4) [div. B, title V, §503], Dec. 21, 2000, 114 Stat. 2763, 2763A-280.)

§ 2009aa-12. Authorization of appropriations

(a) In general

There is authorized to be appropriated to the Authority to carry out this subchapter \$30,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2001 through 2002, to remain available until expended.

(b) Administrative expenses

Not more than 5 percent of the amount appropriated under subsection (a) of this section for a fiscal year shall be used for administrative expenses of the Authority.

(Pub. L. 87-128, title III, §382M, as added Pub. L. 106-554, §1(a)(4) [div. B, title V, §503], Dec. 21, 2000, 114 Stat. 2763, 2763A-280.)

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 2009aa-5 of this title.

§ 2009aa-13. Termination of authority

This subchapter and the authority provided under this subchapter expire on October 1, 2002.

(Pub. L. 87-128, title III, §382N, as added Pub. L. 106-554, §1(a)(4) [div. B, title V, §503], Dec. 21, 2000, 114 Stat. 2763, 2763A-281.)

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This chapter is referred to in sections 2270, 3175a, 3175b of this title; title 8 sections 1255a, 1612; title 21 section 862a; title 26 sections 32, 51, 6103, 6109; title 29 sections 49b, 2801; title 42 sections 405, 503, 603, 608, 608a, 1314a, 1320b-7, 1383, 1437f, 1758, 1766, 1786, 3012, 3056g, 3058e, 3058k, 5179, 8622, 8624, 9858i; title 43 section 1626; title 48 section 1841.

§ 2011. Congressional declaration of policy

It is declared to be the policy of Congress, in order to promote the general welfare, to safeguard the health and well-being of the Nation's population by raising levels of nutrition among low-income households. Congress finds that the limited food purchasing power of low-income households contributes to hunger and malnutrition among members of such households. Congress further finds that increased utilization of